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## No Tattoo for Queen: Palace

**LONDON** Buckingham Palace is standing by its decision that the Queen won't be attending the Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo, despite a last-ditch appeal by organizers. A spat emerged recently when the organizers said the Queen wouldn't be coming to the military show because they didn't approve a plan by her advisers to have her climb a series of steep risers. The British press jumped on the story and one newspaper described the dispute as "a row over a staircase." Organizers appealed to the Queen's staff to reconsider and say they've worked out alternative plans. However, a spokesman for Buckingham Palace said "many events and venues are considered and on this occasion the Queen will not be visiting the tattoo."

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## Huskies Show the hardware



Saint Mary's Huskies forward Justin Munden carries the University Cup down a staircase at Province House yesterday. Several Huskies hockey players and coaches were honoured at the legislature yesterday, including by Premier Darrell Dexter, for their overtime victory in the CIS University Cup final on Sunday night.

# The shows will go on

## Council defeats motion to stop concerts on Common

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**Council has voted overwhelmingly to keep allowing concerts on the Halifax Common.**

A motion tabled by Connaught-Quinpool Coun. Jennifer Watts to effectively ban major concerts from the North Common by 2011 was soundly defeated by a margin of 19-2 by Halifax regional council last night. The vote came after councillors opted to not debate Watts' motion as council stretched late into the night.

Watts and Downtown Halifax Coun. Dawn Sloane voted for the motion.

Watts said it was understandable councillors didn't want to debate the issue given the circumstances.

"We had a fairly lengthy discussion this afternoon about the commons, and that did relate to some of the issues raised about the concerts," she said after council wrapped up. "I think council understood the issue and made the decision it did."

Earlier in the day, council approved in principal \$3.5

## Summer concerts

• In August, Alan Jackson will headline a two day country music festival on the North Common. A second music festival on the same site — believed to be a rock show — is set to be announced next Tuesday.

million in upgrades for the North Common over the next decade. The upgrades were ratified after Watts' motion was defeated.

According to HRM Real Property Planning Manager Peter Bigelow, the upgrades include new lighting, expanded and improved pathways, public art opportunities and a central fountain redesign.

The most expensive upgrade, however, is the construction of special events plaza on the corner of North Park and Cogswell streets. The plaza will include a \$650,000 permanent power source for special events.

The power source will also be used for the fabrication of an outdoor long-track speed skating oval for the 2011 Canada Games.

## Tories break protocol, name names

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**LEGISLATURE** Speaker Charlie Parker briefly put a halt to the always-testy legislature question period yesterday when the Tories called the Premier by his name.

In phrasing a question, Progressive Conservative MLA Cecil Clarke referred to Premier Darrell Dexter by his last name.

Parker stopped him and reminded all members they must refer to their colleagues by title or "the member from ..." and their constituency.

Seconds later Clarke called the premier "small minded, retaliatory and vindictive" for not subsidizing the Yarmouth ferry. This apparently fell within parliamentary language.

The Tories are now appealing to be allowed to refer to Dexter by name.



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# Local



## Lightfoot tickets still available

Tickets still remain to see legendary Canadian singer-songwriter Gordon Lightfoot, left, perform at the Halifax Metro Centre Friday at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$72, taxes and service fees included, and are available at all Ticket Atlantic outlets, online at ticketatlantic.com or by phone at 451-1221. Lightfoot, 71, is in the midst of a North American tour that goes through to the end of June.

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## 3 in custody after shots fired at home

**CAMBRIDGE** Police have taken three people into custody after shots were fired at a house in Cambridge near Berwick.

The RCMP say they investigated a 911 call at 10 a.m. yesterday that shots had been fired.

RCMP Const. Blair MacMurtery said officers found several bullet holes in the home, but no one was injured.

Police initially believed there was only one person in the neighbouring house in the Cambridge Woods subdivision, but eventually discovered three people inside.

The emergency response team was called in and the incident ended peacefully after 4 p.m.

MacMurtery said investigators will determine what happened and if charges will be laid.

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## Overpass Project completion pushed back



Construction work continues on the Fairview overpass yesterday afternoon. The project was initially scheduled to be finished by the end of March, but the completion date has been moved back to mid-April.

## Council OK's central library

### \$55M strategy for downtown facility gets strong support

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### Sale evaluation

**Halifax regional council voted to approve a \$55-million funding strategy for HRM's new central library yesterday, 15 years after the idea was first floated in city hall.**

An overwhelming majority of councillors approved the funding strategy, with Dartmouth Centre Coun. Gloria McCluskey providing the sole nay vote.

The library, which will be built on the corner of Spring Garden Road and Queen Street, is set to open its doors in 2014. Council awarded a \$4.2-million contract to design the building to architecture firm Fowler, Bauld and Mitchell Ltd. yesterday.

Real property planning manager Peter Bigelow said the new library will be a chance to revitalize the downtown core.

"(The library) is an opportunity to attract energy back into the downtown," he said.

HRM will contribute \$23.7 million to the project. The municipality will draw on several sources to come up with the funding, including the sale of adjacent lots owned by HRM.

The library will also receive funding from the provincial and federal governments. The province will kick in \$13 million, and the

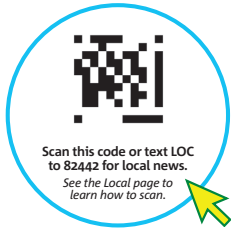
• Council also voted to tender a \$100,000 contract to evaluate the current Spring Garden Road library site for possible future sale. Before the land can be sold, however, the municipality must approach the province to amend legislation that states the land can only be used for a public park and a library.

federal government will contribute \$18.3 million.

Downtown Halifax Coun. Dawn Sloane said council is leading by example by investing in the downtown core.

"HRMbyDesign ... demands quality development, (and) we're about to do one," she said. "We're actually going to be the champions for such quality in our downtown."

In a rare display of harmony, both urban and rural councillors came out strongly in favour of approving the funding strategy.



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## News in brief

**HOSTAGES** A 52-year-old Dartmouth man is facing weapons-related charges after police say two women were forced to remain inside a home by a male armed with a gun. Halifax Regional Police say they were contacted by a woman inside a home on Lynwood Drive in Dartmouth at 2 a.m. yesterday. The Emergency Response Team and negotiators arrived on scene, with police saying the suspect exited the residence on his own accord. He was taken into custody without incident.

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## Police rule woman's death was accidental

**BRIDGE** Police believe the death of a woman found unconscious under the MacKay Bridge over the weekend was accidental.

Halifax Regional Police say 31-year-old Holly Elizabeth Bartlett of Halifax was found Saturday by bridge employees around 6:50 a.m.

Police say the victim was blind and arrived in the area just after midnight, but at no time was she on the

bridge. They believe she became disorientated within her surroundings and fell off a path after being dropped off by a cab at her nearby home.

Police say she was unresponsive and slightly hypothermic when paramedics arrived, but there was no indication she had been in the water. She died in hospital Sunday.

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# He's back at Mic Mac!

Don't miss the Kid's Bunny Walk and Easter Egg Hunt, April 3 from 9am - 10am. Details and registration at [easterseals.ns.ca](http://easterseals.ns.ca) or Easter Bunny Land (Bay Court, Second Level).

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**Fire destroys Whitney Pier home**

Two people are temporarily homeless after fire gutted a home in Whitney Pier early yesterday morning. The fire was reported around 1 a.m. yesterday and the Red Cross was called in to assist the residents. The cause of the fire was reportedly from an unattended pot of grease. **CAPE BRETON POST**

# MLA ethics training unveiled

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**The Liberals introduced amendments to have all MLAs undergo ethics training yesterday.**

Law amendments introduced would also create a code of ethics and expand the role of the conflict of interest commissioner to deal with ethical issues.

"Our amendments will focus on training for new MLAs and returning MLAs on ethical behaviour," Liberal Leader Stephen McNeil said.

"Spell out ethical behaviour in clear and simple language and settle a process to deal with any alleged violation."

A proposed Liberal code of conduct would include such clauses as "I am a steward of the public trust" and "I do not use my office or the resources of the province for personal gain."

Under the proposed amendments, the conflict of interest commissioner would have the power to rule a member violated the code. The commissioner could publicly reprimand a member but not punish them. McNeil said that would be up to voters.

"I don't believe Nova



Liberal leader Stephen McNeil speaks with reporters in this file photo from January. McNeil wants a code of ethics created for MLAs.

**"Spell out ethical behaviour in clear and simple language and settle a process to deal with any alleged violation."**

Liberal Leader Stephen McNeil

Scotians or the voting public will tolerate that kind of political mischief. It will be dealt with on election day in my view," he said.

McNeil hopes to amend

the government's House of Assembly management Commission Act, which was created in response to the expense scandal. Its measures include making

all expenses public and abolishing the secretive Internal Economy Board.

Premier Darrell Dexter welcomed the idea, but said it would take time to analyze the amendments and what is done in other jurisdictions before adopting the changes.

"Certainly we're pleased to receive suggestions. We'll obviously consider them," he said.

## Nova Scotians approve HST hike: Finance minister

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**TAXES** A consensus of Nova Scotians who took part in public meetings approve of an HST increase, Finance Minister Graham Steele said yesterday.

Published government findings from this year's 19 Back to Balance meetings involving 1,495 people show 80 per cent of them approved a one or two per cent hike in the HST.

"That is one of the things where I would say there is a consensus," said Steele.

"The people who were opposed to an increase, they want me to say something different."

"But that is the consensus of the people who spent two hours engaging actively with this issue in context and all things considered."

When asked whether this gives him the green light to raise the HST in the budget he paused for

**"When there is a consensus, it shouldn't surprise anybody that the government will likely act on it."**

Finance Minister Graham Steele

nine seconds before answering.

"Where there is a consensus, it shouldn't surprise anybody that the government will likely act on it. But that's as far as I'd go," he said.

Last fall an economic advisory panel of experts recommended hiking the HST by two per cent to raise \$250 million annually.

Backlash to the idea has ranged from the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives saying it would disproportionately hurt the poor to the Progressive Conservatives saying it would cripple the economy.

## New lodging fee may fuel Cape Breton's marketing

**HOTELS** Cape Breton's tourism operators could eventually be getting more money to market the island through a proposed levy on accommodations.

The 1.5 to two per cent levy will be charged on hotel, motel and other accommodations larger than 10 rooms in five municipalities under amendments to the Cape Breton Marketing Levy Act.

Destination Cape Breton CEO Mary Tulle says the new levy will bring in about \$500,000 annually for tourism initiatives.

She says the current marketing budget for Cape Breton tourism is \$50,000.

**\$500,000**

The proposed levy on accommodations in Cape Breton could bring in about \$500,000, according to Mary Tulle, the CEO of Destination Cape Breton

Levies are currently in place in Halifax and Yarmouth.

Tourism Department officials say the plan is to have the levy proclaimed by next year, although there is a chance that could happen earlier through the legislature's law amendments process.

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### News in brief

**BUSINESS** The province is getting behind a HRM company's growth by announcing a five-year payroll rebate capped at a maximum of just over \$860,000. Nova Scotia Business Inc. has announced the rebate for Nautel Limited, a company geared towards radio frequency technology products. The business is looking to increase manufacturing productivity and diversify its products through research and development in Hacketts Cove. The expansion is estimated to cost \$1.7 million and is expected to begin this year. **METRO HALIFAX**

## Province to pay back medical travel costs

**HEALTH** Beginning April 1, approved patients who need to travel out of province for insurable medical care not available in Nova Scotia will be eligible for financial assistance for travel and accommodations.

Health Minister Maureen MacDonald told the legislature yesterday that under a new policy, the province has set aside \$750,000 to cover the cost for about 100 patients.

MacDonald says those el-

### Appealing to health minister

• Prior to the new policy, patients needed to appeal to the health minister for assistance

igible will still have to pay their expenses, but will be able to submit their receipts to the Department of Health for reimbursement.

Patients will be eligible for up to \$1,000 per round trip and \$125 per night or \$1,500 per month for ac-

after having been out of the province for more than three months.

commodations, and can use the assistance for up to 12 medical visits per year.

MacDonald says her department is also looking for proposals for a service provider to help eliminate the need for patients to pay their costs up front.

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Bob's taxi driver Ravi Ubhi smiles yesterday as he poses for photos with his hybrid cab at Province House. The provincial government launched a fuel-efficient taxi initiative that will provide a \$2,500 incentive to six drivers to buy a new fuel-efficient or hybrid vehicle.

## Six cabbies get green grants

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**Six local cab drivers will get \$2,500 grants to switch over to green vehicles as part of a government pilot project.**

The province is also giving nine other cabbies \$1,200 to act as a test sample. At least three of those grants will go to drivers who have not switched to fuel-efficient vehicles.

The province will spend

a year tracking the difference in fuel use, maintenance and repair costs between the new and old cabs.

While the changeover will only affect six HRM cabs out of more than 1,000 total, MLA Bill Estabrooks said he wanted to get the program started now and hopefully expand it in the future.

"In this situation, considering the dollars that were available, six is a good start," he said.

Cab driver Ravi Ubhi was on site for the program's unveiling yesterday at Grand Parade. He switched to a 2010 Ford Fusion hybrid car last August and has loved it ever since. He said he saves about \$400 to \$500 per month in gas over his old Honda Accord.

He said passengers also notice the lack of noise emitting from the hybrid engine.

"They often ask me, 'How come it's so quiet?'" he said. "Personally I love

the technology."

Applications are available through the Halifax-Dartmouth Automobile Dealer's Association and will be accepted until May 14. Grants will be awarded on a merit-based system, according to government staff. Last November, Halifax regional council made changes to its taxi bylaw to allow a slew of new hybrid and fuel-efficient cars that were previously not allowed to serve because of their size.

## Fraser wins big at Merritt Awards

**THEATRE** Duncan Fraser took home the award for outstanding performance by an actor in a leading role at the 11th annual Merritt Awards Monday night at Alderney Landing Theatre in Dartmouth.

Fraser won the award for his role as Alexander MacDonald's brother Calum in Neptune Theatre's production of No Great Mischief. Outstanding performance by an actress in a

leading role went to Shelley Thompson, who played Florence Foster Jenkins, an unconventional American heiress determined to be an opera performer at Carnegie Hall in Festival Antigonish's production of Glorious.

Other big winners at the event honouring the best in Nova Scotia theatre were Burgundy Code and Bill Wood winning the outstanding performance in

supporting actor role awards.

Code won the female category for Rockbound that played at Two Planks and a Passion Theatre. Wood won the male supporting actor award for 2 B Theatre Company's production East of Berlin.

Ken Schwartz was given the outstanding direction award for Rockbound.

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## Charges bumped to attempted murder

**COURT** Charges against a man last seen in Newfoundland and Labrador have been upgraded to attempted murder and conspiring to commit murder.

Daniel Borden, 26, was last seen March 12 in St. John's.

Borden was supposed to

appear in court Monday in Halifax on a charge of accessory after the fact to an attempted murder, but he failed to show up.

An official with the Nova Scotia prosecution service says the charges were upgraded based on a more thorough review of the evi-

dence. The charges also include one of attempting to commit murder involving a firearm. Borden is described as being five-foot-nine and 135 pounds with short black hair and brown eyes and is wanted on a Canada-wide warrant.

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### News in brief

**FINE** A man from HRM has been fined \$22,000 by the Nova Scotia Securities Commission for violating the province's securities laws and for not dealing in good faith with a client. Steven Jules Rethy is registered with Keybase Financial Group Inc. According to a government release, Rethy admitted to instructing a client to sign blank forms, which he kept on file. Last September, Rethy also signed his client's signature to a letter of direction for Clarington Funds.

**VIOLATION** The Nova Scotia Securities Commission has slapped Scallop Shell Pollution Solution Limited with a fine after the company admitted to violating securities laws and acting contrary to the public interest. The settlement agreement states Digby-based Scallop Shell will pay an administrative penalty of \$5,000 to the commission and \$750 in costs related to the investigation.

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# Canada



## Fugitive's fate to be decided

Canadian authorities are expected to decide today whether an American fugitive, who was on an alleged quest to buy a child over the Internet, will be deported to the U.S. Police in Thunder Bay, Ont., arrested Patrick Molesti, 56, of Woodstock, Ga., on Friday night at the Greyhound Bus terminal after the Canada Border Services Agency issued an immigration warrant. U.S. police have been looking for Molesti, a French national, for almost two weeks. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

# Afghan mission done in 2011: PM

**Prime Minister Stephen Harper is making it crystal clear Canada's military mission in Afghanistan is done next year, even as G8 foreign ministers affirm the need to stay the course in Afghanistan.**

The G8 ministers concluded their meeting in Gatineau, Que., yesterday with a wide-ranging declaration on the precarious state of global security.

That included the need to prevent terrorism from spreading across the world from Afghanistan.

But Harper told U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton that Canada has no intention of extending its Afghan military mission beyond its 2011 withdrawal deadline.

The issue was forced into

## Clinton

During a national TV interview Monday, Clinton said she would like Canadian troops to stay in Afghanistan beyond the 2011 withdrawal deadline, perhaps in a training capacity. But Harper spokesman Dimitri Soudas said Clinton never made that request during her 20-minute meeting with the prime minister ahead of the

G8 foreign ministers meeting yesterday. Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff accused the government of not playing straight with Canadians on the Afghan mission, saying it's simply not credible to believe that Clinton has not made a formal request of Canada to stay in Afghanistan.

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the spotlight because Clinton told a Canadian TV audience on the eve of the meeting that the U.S. would like Canadian troops to extend their stay in the war-torn country.

Clinton also said child and maternal-health programs can only be properly delivered if women in poor

countries have access to family planning — including, but not necessarily, abortion.

Clinton said she would not speak for Canada, but she said you cannot have maternal health programs without funding family planning, which includes abortion. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton looks towards Prime Minister Stephen Harper as he makes a statement at the G8 Foreign Ministers' Meeting at the Chateau Cartier in Gatineau, Que.

## Child porn bust leads to 73 suspects, police claiming

**INTERNET** A Toronto-area child-pornography arrest has led to a sweeping investigation uncovering 73 suspects in 20 countries, police said yesterday.

The investigation began last November with the arrest of a 29-year-old man in Brampton, Ont., on child-pornography and sexual-assault charges, police

said.

That probe went global, culminating in police gathering evidence against the 73 suspects.

This kind of offence knows no bounds in the Internet age, police said.

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## Housing gap hurts: Think-tank

**ECONOMICS** A gap in the supply of affordable housing has left one-fifth of Canadians struggling to afford the homes they live in and that's having an adverse effect on national productivity, a prominent think-tank said Tuesday.

The Conference Board of Canada's report, dubbed Building from the Ground Up, concludes many Canadians can only keep a roof over their heads by cutting

costs in ways that could harm their health — such as buying less nutritious food. The report calls upon governments to partner with real-estate developers and civil organizations to increase the amount of affordable housing in the country, saying such changes would have positive impacts on both Canadians' health and the national productivity level.

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## Driver reckless, inquiry hears

**PROBE** A school bus driver was so shocked by what she says was the reckless behaviour of a fellow driver the month before a fatal crash that she called the school to complain. Hazel Barker told an inquiry into the death of nine-year-old Kathelenn Occena that she saw a bus speeding along a major Calgary thoroughfare one afternoon in late September.

She said the female driver was talking on her cellphone.

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## Quebec Empty pockets



Pants hang with their pockets sticking out on the legislature grounds as part of a radio station stunt on the day of the budget yesterday in Quebec City. People were asked to honk their horn and walk around with their pants' pockets sticking out in protest to the government's method of spending their money.

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**Witness at court martial questions accuser's character**

The court marshal of Capt. Robert Semrau, a Canadian soldier who faces second-degree murder charges related to the deaths of insurgents after an October 2008 ambush in Afghanistan, was told that one of his accusers is a "fairly erratic guy." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Activism **She wants answers**

Pamela Anderson, seen here at the 4th Annual Gridlock New Year's Eve Bash in Los Angeles, is firing the first salvo in a new front on the war against Canada's seal hunt, having personally filed a flurry of Access to Information requests in an effort to undermine the popularity of the hunt among Canadians.

**Arctic summit draws heat**

Canada under fire for excluding Nordic countries from invite list

**Two Nordic nations criticized Canada on Tuesday for not inviting them to a meeting of Arctic countries, saying the gathering could undermine the work of the broader Arctic Council.**

Sweden and Finland regretted that they and Iceland were left out of the Arctic Coastal meeting in Quebec. U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton expressed similar concerns at the meeting Monday. Only the U.S., Canada, Russia, Denmark and Norway were invited.

"We regret that Canada

**"We regret that Canada has decided to invite only five of the eight Arctic nations to this meeting."**

Teo Zetterman, Swedish Foreign Ministry

has decided to invite only five of the eight Arctic nations to this meeting," Swedish Foreign Ministry spokesman Teo Zetterman said.

Arctic nations have competing claims in the region, which is believed to be rich in resources and is opening up for exploration because of climate

change.

Zetterman said Sweden believes that Arctic issues should be dealt with in the eight-nation Arctic Council, which meets regularly and also includes indigenous groups.

Sweden and Finland, which do not have Arctic coastlines, said they are worried the meeting in

Canada could raise questions about the political commitment toward the council.

Iceland has previously protested being excluded from the meeting, which took place before a summit of foreign ministers from the Group of Eight nations.

Canadian Foreign Minister Lawrence Cannon said Monday he thought all the participants made a clear distinction about the role of the Arctic Council and the responsibilities of Arctic coastal states. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

**Mothers-to-be giving birth away from home**

Mothers giving birth and newborns needing hospital care constitute the largest group among patients in Canada who are hospitalized outside their home province or territory, says a new report focusing on the portability provisions of the Canada Health Act.

More than 50,000 Canadians were hospitalized in

2007-08 outside the province or territory that issued their health cards, said the analysis released yesterday by the Canadian Institute for Health Information.

The report revealed that 23 per cent of the hospitalizations were for new mothers or their infants, and almost two-thirds of these hospital admissions were

planned.

Many of these births occurred in hospitals in the Champlain region of Ontario, which received mothers-to-be from the nearby Outaouais region of Quebec, and in the Prairie North region of Saskatchewan, which received them from Alberta.

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**News in brief**

**CROWDSOURCING** Photographer Jenn Marsh of Thamesville, Ont., is asking Facebook users to help name her fifth child. Marsh says that since posting the contest a week ago she is getting a "lot of unique, awesome names" and never dreamed the response "would be this overwhelming."

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# World



## Veil ban hard to enforce: French council

France's highest administrative body warned yesterday that a total ban on full-body Islamic veils in public risks being found unconstitutional, a setback to President Nicolas Sarkozy's goal of an all-out ban. Even a limited ban on the full-body veil would be difficult to enforce, the Council of State said in a study of the legal possibilities for a broad application of a ban on burqa-like garments.

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### News in brief

**ITALY** Premier Silvio Berlusconi emerged as the victor in regional elections held across Italy and widely depicted as a test of his popularity, final returns showed yesterday.

Berlusconi's coalition won crucial races and wrested control of four regions from the opposition. The Northern League, an anti-immigration party and government ally, also fared very strongly, and will likely see its national influence significantly increase.

**FLORIDA** A sheriff's deputy was able to track down and arrest a man on charges of illegally dumping a boat near his home with a surprising tool: Google Earth. The Pensacola News Journal reports that Deputy Gregory Barnes used the images after finding an 18-foot boat dumped in an undeveloped subdivision.

**GERMANY** Two months after Germany's Roman Catholic Church became embroiled in a sex abuse scandal, the flood of new cases, allegations and complaints has started to ebb, the church's top investigator said yesterday. Though the church has not tallied the number of cases that have surfaced since January, "it looks like the strongest wave is over," Bishop Stephan Ackermann said.

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### Moscow Day of mourning



A portrait of student Tatyana Akimova, killed in one of Monday's subway blasts in Moscow, is placed at Lubyanka station yesterday. Flowers overflowed from rickety tables in two subway stations in memory of the 39 passengers killed in a double suicide bombing as Russia began a national day of mourning.

DAMIEN DOVARGANES/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Dead babies dumped into Chinese river

**The bodies of 21 babies, some with hospital identification tags around their tiny ankles, washed ashore on a river in eastern China and two mortuary workers were detained for allegedly dumping them.**

News footage yesterday showed the babies — at least one of whom was stuffed in a yellow plastic bag marked "medical waste" — strewn along a dirt riverbank near a highway overpass. A few wore diapers.

Some of the babies appeared several months old, while the official Xinhua News Agency said the bodies included fetuses.

Local residents and firefighters recovered the bodies Monday after they were discovered under a bridge spanning the Guangfu River on the outskirts of Jinan in Shandong province.

Interviews with residents who made the grisly find were broadcast on the website of the Shandong

Broadcasting Company. One said he thought a body was a toy, but then he spotted several others. Another expressed concern because the river is a source of drinking water for villagers living nearby.

Hospital ID tags on eight of the babies helped investigators trace them back to the Affiliated Hospital of Jinan Medical University, Xinhua reported.

Hospital mortuary workers Zhu Zhenyu and Wang Zhijun were fired and taken away by police.

The babies' families had paid the pair to dispose of the bodies, but they instead dumped them at the river.

Three top hospital officials were fired or suspended and the government ordered the Jinan Municipal Health Bureau to make a public apology, Xinhua said.

"It exposes a serious

loophole in the hospital's management and indicates a lack of ethics and legal awareness of some hospital staff," Jinan city government spokesman Gong Zhenhua said. "It exerts a very negative impact on society and teaches us a profound lesson."

More than 1,000 comments were posted on Netease, a Chinese news website, within hours of reports on the discovery of the bodies.

"These people are completely without conscience and morals and should be shot," one comment said.

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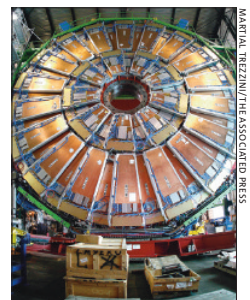
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## Atom smasher breaks own scientific record

**SWITZERLAND** The world's largest atom smasher conducted its first experiments at conditions nearing those after the Big Bang, breaking its own record for high-energy collisions with proton beams crashing into each other yesterday at three times more force than ever before.

In a milestone for the \$10-billion US Large Hadron Collider's ambitious bid to reveal details about theoretical particles and microforces, scientists at the European Organization for Nuclear Research, or CERN, took high-tech photographs so they could study the disintegrating protons after they collided at a combined energy level of seven trillion electron volts.

In a control room, scientists erupted with applause when the first successful collisions were confirmed. Their colleagues from around the world were tuning in by remote links to witness the new record,



The magnet core of the world's largest superconducting solenoid magnet.

which surpasses the 2.36 TeV CERN recorded last year.

Dubbed the world's largest scientific experiment, researchers hope the machine can approach on a tiny scale what happened in the first split seconds after the Big Bang, which they theorize was the creation of the universe some 14 billion years ago.

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**NASA to examine Toyota for probe**

Toyota Motor Corp.'s accelerator flaws and electronic vehicle controls will be examined by NASA as the U.S. expands its probe into incidents linked to at least 51 deaths. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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# Business

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## Risky times for jokes

**Corporations can make headlines with elaborate April Fools' Day ruses, but in today's economic climate, they're feeling conservative.**

After all, pranksters are always taking a chance: The butt of the joke might laugh, but could scowl. When times are tense, the risk is even greater.

"There's been quite a significant mindset shift since 9-11 on both sides of the spectrum, companies on one side and consumers on the other," says Merrill Mascarenhas, managing partner at Arcus Consulting Group, a Toronto-based research and strategy consulting firm.

In the '80s and '90s, peo-

ple were more relaxed and open to pranks, Mascarenhas says. But these days, businesses and consumers are feeling insecure and marketers are opting for grounded and transparent communication over anything frivolous, he says.

A March Arcus survey of 430 senior marketing executives found 66 per cent were looking for risk-averse strategies rather than new and innovative ways to stay in the forefront of their consumers' minds.

Corporate pranks can be useful marketing strategies, but only if they fit the

company brand, says David Soberman, a professor of marketing at the University of Toronto's Rotman School of Management. Pranks might be best suited for companies that already poke fun at themselves, such as A&W, he says.

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## China Hamburger University opens



Tim Fenton, left, McDonald's president for Asia, Pacific, Middle East and Africa, launches the McDonald's Hamburger University with school officers in Shanghai, China, yesterday. It will train new generations of managers as foreign companies step up efforts to develop and keep Chinese talent. China is McDonald's fastest-growing global market as the country's \$300 billion-a-year "informal eating out" market expands at an annual rate of 10 per cent, said Fenton.

## Canada among world's most competitive countries: Study

**ADVANTAGE** A new study by an international accounting firm shows Canada is among the most competitive countries in the world in terms of the cost of doing business in the country.

The KPMG group says Canada enjoys a five per cent advantage over its closest competitor, the United States, and ranks only behind Mexico among 10 countries examined.

The firm, which conducts biennial studies on competitiveness, says a slight eas-

ing in exchange rates and tax cuts to corporations over the past two years has given Canada the edge against the United States from a break-even position in 2008.

The firm also notes that Canada is ahead of the pack among industrial countries, followed by the Netherlands, Australia, United Kingdom and France. Japan and Germany are the only countries with a lower competitive ranking than the U.S.

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### In brief

**ECONOMY** Analysts are looking for another key growth indicator today when Statistics Canada reports how the economy performed at the start of the year. The consensus is that the country's gross domestic product grew by 0.5 per cent in January — or about six per cent annualized — which should put Canada on track for a quarter of rapid growth.

**TOURISM** Tourism spending in Canada increased 0.4 per cent in the fourth quarter of 2009, as outlays by both international visitors to Canada and Canadians were up.

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## Comment

# Quebec's veiled discrimination

### TheWestView



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If you ask me, too many people wake up in the morning with the following first thought: Let's ban something.

Jean Charest, the premier of Quebec, woke up recently and decided to ban the niqab and the burqa, the veils favoured by a few ultra-orthodox Muslim women that cover everything but their eyes.

I'm not going to waste your time arguing about pros and cons of the burqa and the niqab.

But I do not want to live in a country that allows one of its provinces to ban religious or secular adorn-

ments. If Charest can ban the burqa, he can also ban, in no particular order: Honking big crucifixes; Mohawk haircuts; turbans; phylacteries; plaid golf pants; and Speedos for all men more than 150 pounds.

Have you ever come across a squadron of middle-aged weekend bicycle warriors decked out in lemon-lime lycra? Shouldn't they be banned, too? How about really bad

toupees? Take them down!

We're not talking about an epidemic here. According to one estimate, there are about 25 offenders altogether in Quebec. There are probably more people wearing leashes and dog collars who like to be escorted around town on all fours by their favorite dominatrix.

It looks as if I'm in the minority here. According to Angus Reid, 95 per cent of the Blocheads Québé-

cois are in favour of the ban, naturally, although it's OK for them to smoke Gauloises and end up with COPD and become wards of the medical system.

Perhaps more surprising, 80 per cent of the Rest of Canada also supports the ban, so by picking on a few Muslim women, Charest has unified the nation. Way to go, Jean.

It's time to give our heads a shake. This is the land of freedom. Thou-

sands have fought and died for our right to remain free. It's the basis of our democracy. If some people are a little different, we can tolerate that. It's called diversity, and in this nasty, censorious world it's the hope of the future. Even in what seem to be inappropriate expressions of the past.

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## Word on the street: What's the first sure sign of spring for you?

### Elva Arney

Labrador City

A: The daffodils.

### Bruce Beveridge

Halifax

A: When the roads are clean and I can drive my motorcycle.

### Kayla Merriman

Halifax

A: Probably the nice weather and when the leaves come back on the trees.

### Brooker Buckingham

Calgary

A: I think rain is a sign of spring, and we had rain on Friday so that's a good sign. It's the transition from snow to rain.

### Dani Paulson

Ottawa

A: Legs. Definitely love me some legs in the spring.

### Sarah Balderson

Edmonton

A: The first sign of spring, I think, is the flowers blooming and the trees, and the green grass. Just the nature part of it.



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**Huskies' Hotham given weekly honour**

Saint Mary's Huskies defenceman Andrew Hotham was named Atlantic University Sport male athlete of the week yesterday. He was named MVP of the University Cup on Sunday after helping the Huskies to a national title. **METRO HALIFAX**

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# Sports

**Anthony could play in Game 1**

Halifax's Steven Anthony is expected to be "ready to go" for Game 1 of the QMJHL quarter-finals starting Friday, according to Saint John Sea Dogs head coach Gerard Gallant. Anthony has been out since March 19 with a groin injury. **METRO HALIFAX**

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## Moose staying at Metro Centre

Club announces agreement to stay at facility through at least 2014-15

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**This time, there was no drama for the Halifax Mooseheads and Trade Centre Ltd.**

The Mooseheads announced yesterday a new five-year agreement plus an additional one-year option with Trade Centre Ltd. that will keep the 16-year-old franchise at the Metro Centre through at least the 2014-15 season.

Mooseheads majority owner Bobby Smith and TCL president and CEO Scott Ferguson were all smiles at a press conference yesterday, leaving behind a debacle that occurred in 2004 when the two sides struck their last agreement.

Negotiations between the Mooseheads and TCL were a little more rocky the last time around, when Smith stunned the city by signing a five-year agreement to move the team to the north-end Forum. A day later, TCL tabled an offer more favourable to the Mooseheads and Smith abandoned his plan to move to the Forum.

"It speaks to the relationship we've built — on all

**More practice**

Although details of the Mooseheads' new lease agreement with Trade Centre Ltd. were not released in much detail, a slight increase in practice time is one stipulation of the new pact. The Mooseheads will now have daily one-hour, 45-minute practice slots. They previously had an hour to an hour-and-a-half. "This is enough time for our (coaching staff) to do extra work with the goalies, work on faceoffs, and other little things," said Mooseheads owner Bobby Smith. "We've talked about it (with the coaching staff) at various times and thought it was important."

levels — between Trade Centre and the hockey team over the past couple of years," said Smith, whose previous deal expired on Feb. 27.

Smith said he first met with Ferguson in December 2008 to start hammering out the new lease agreement. Ferguson had taken over for Fred MacGillivray, who negotiated the previous deal with Smith.

"It went a lot more



Halifax Mooseheads majority owner Bobby Smith announces his team's new lease agreement with Trade Centre Ltd. at a press conference yesterday in Halifax.

smoothly," said Smith, who resides in Arizona. "Every time I was in town, Scott and I would sit down for an hour and look at the implications of things that were important to him and important to us."

Added Ferguson: "It's a lot of water under the bridge."

Ferguson said negotia-

tions broke down last time because it was "more of a rushed process" between two "organizations that hadn't worked together a lot."

"It was jumping into the deep end," he said. "Sometimes when you do that, you end up in a spot you don't want to end up in."

Neither side would say

much about the details of a 30-page document containing the lease details. Smith said it's "not just a financial agreement."

"We've made adjustments up and down in all areas," Smith said. "The most important thing is, we think it's a fair agreement that allows both sides to be successful."



Jillian Saulnier

**Pride of Nova Scotia on display at U-18**

**TOURNEY** Nova Scotians are leading the charge as Canada storms into the playoff round at the IIHF world under-18 women's hockey championship in Chicago.

Halifax's Jillian Saulnier had an assist and Pictou's Carmen MacDonald made nine saves to split a shutout with Erica Howe as Canada cruised to an 8-0 victory over Sweden last night to wrap up the round robin.

Canada went 3-0 in the round robin and moves on to the semifinals on Friday at 6 p.m.

Saulnier, in her second year with the under-18 team, is among the tournament scoring leaders with two goals and four assists in three games. MacDonald is the event's top statistical goaltender, having stopped all 26 shots faced in just less than 90 minutes of duty.

The championship game is Saturday at 9 p.m. The U.S. has won the tournament in both years of its existence. **METRO HALIFAX**

## Cole Harbour's Cheverie hoping to go down in NCAA history

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**HOCKEY** When you have a chance to follow in the footsteps of Ryan Miller, you know you're doing something right as a goaltender.

That's exactly the position Cole Harbour's Marc Cheverie finds himself in today with the NCAA announcing its three finalists for the Hobey Baker Award honouring the top player in Division I men's hockey.

The Denver Pioneers puck-stopper is among 10 nominees for the 29-year-old award and could become just the third goalie in history to win it along with Miller — a Vezina and Hart Trophy candidate in the NHL this season with the Buffalo Sabres — in 2001 and Robb Stauber in



Marc Cheverie, goaltender for the Denver Pioneers, is one of 10 nominees for the Hobey Baker Award, which honours the top player in NCAA Division I men's hockey.

1988.

"The only goalies to ever win it went on to play in the NHL," Cheverie said. "It's a prestigious award

and even more prestigious if you win it as a goalie ... When you think about the guys who have won it, it's sort of shocking that

you're considered in the same class."

The 23-year-old was named player of the year in the Western Collegiate Hockey Association after leading the nation in wins (24) while posting a 2.08 goals-against average, .932 save percentage and six shutouts.

As one of the few top Nova Scotian hockey prospects to go the NCAA route, he's glad he did.

"You'd be stupid not to go NCAA if you had the opportunity," he said. "Hockey's head-and-shoulders above major junior ... I can't think of one reason why, looking back, I would ever want to play major junior other than that you'd be closer to home."

Although Cheverie still has a year of NCAA eligibility remaining, he is completing his finance degree this year and plans to turn pro.

The six-foot-three, 180-pound former Dartmouth Subway is a seventh-round draft choice of the Florida Panthers and could sign with the NHL club later this year. Otherwise, he'll become an unrestricted free agent.

"If (an NHL contract) falls through, then I can still come back (to Denver) for a year," he said. "But I see something getting worked out, probably with Florida, in the next little bit."

**"The only goalies to ever win it went on to play in the NHL."**

Marc Cheverie on the Hobey Baker Award

**Sports in brief**

**MJHL** The Pictou County Weeks Crushers will open the Maritime Junior A Hockey League best-of-seven final against the Woodstock Slammers on Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in New Brunswick. The Crushers are huge underdogs in the series after finishing 37 points behind the Slammers in the regular season standings. **METRO HALIFAX**

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Star middle linebacker DeMeco Ryans is staying in Houston. A team official told The Associated Press last night that Ryans has agreed to a six-year contract with the Texans. Ryans was the 2006 AP Defensive Rookie of the Year. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

## Sports in brief

**HABS** Centre Glen Metropolit will miss at least the rest of the regular season with a shoulder injury, the Montreal Canadiens announced yesterday. Metropolit was injured during a 4-2 loss to the New Jersey Devils on Saturday night. He is to undergo further tests this week to determine the full extent of the injury, coach Jacques Martin said.

**JAYS** The Toronto Blue Jays pared their active roster down to 29 players by optioning pitchers Jesse Carlson and David Purcey to triple-A Las Vegas, and assigning outfielder Jeremy Reed to minor-league camp. The moves leave the team with 13 position players and indicate utilityman Mike McCoy has won the open fourth outfielder spot.

**SOCCER** Bayern Munich showed Manchester United what it's like to lose a crucial Champions League match in injury time with a 2-1 victory yesterday, while Lyon beat Bordeaux 3-1 in another quarter-final match. United can still advance to the semifinals for a fourth straight year with as little as a 1-0 win.

**TRADE** The Florida Marlins acquired left-hander Nate Robertson from the Detroit

Tigers for left-hander Jay Voss yesterday. The trade enables Robertson to start with the Marlins and assures left-hander Dontrelle Willis a spot in the Detroit rotation.

**TRACK** Caster Semenya says she will return to competitive racing this season, releasing a statement on the same day she was denied a chance to run at a meet in South Africa because the results from her gender verification tests have not yet been released. The 19-year-old Semenya, who has not raced or spoken publicly since she won the women's 800-metre race at the world championships in Berlin in August, said yesterday that she has not done anything wrong and should be allowed to race.

**NFL** Pittsburgh Steelers receiver Santonio Holmes denies hurting a woman who says he threw a glass at her in an Orlando nightclub and claims another woman hit her with the cup, according to a police report released yesterday. Holmes told an Orlando Police Department officer the alleged victim, Anshonae Mills, grabbed his wrist, got in his face and called him a racial name after he asked for his seat back. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

# Just in time: Late goal gives Bruins OT win

## NHL RESULTS

Bruins 1 Devils 0



**Patrice Bergeron scored on a rebound with 18.3 seconds left in overtime and the Boston Bruins maintained their hold on the final playoff berth in the Eastern Conference with a 1-0 victory over the New Jersey Devils last night.**

Tuukka Rask stopped 21 shots to pick up his fifth shutout of the season as Boston moved into a tie for sixth in the East with Montreal and Philadelphia.

The three teams are two points ahead of Atlanta in the race for the eighth and final playoff spot in the conference. The Thrashers beat the Toronto Maple Leafs 3-2.

Bergeron's goal was somewhat controversial in



New Jersey goaltender Martin Brodeur stops a shot from Boston's Mark Recchi during the first period of last night's game in Newark, N.J.

that he apparently knocked the stick out of the hands of Devils defenceman Paul Martin on the play.

Bruins defenceman Mark Stuart took a shot from the point that Devils goalie Martin Brodeur stopped, but Bergeron had

an open net to deposit his 18th goal of the season.

The Devils picked up a point in defeat and are now one point behind Pittsburgh in the race for first place in the Atlantic Division. Both teams have six games left.

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Phoenix at Calgary, 10:30 p.m.

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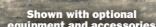








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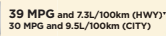
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# GTI brings hot hatch excitement

JUSTIN PRITCHARD  
for Metro Canada



**MODEL:** 2007 to 2009 Volkswagen GTI

**VEHICLE TYPE:** Three-door or five-door performance hatchback

**APPROXIMATE USED PRICE RANGE:** \$17,000 to \$24,000

**HISTORY/DESCRIPTION:** The Volkswagen GTI has a long history of combining the utility of a hatchback and the performance of a sports car. Volkswagen has just updated the GTI for the 2010 model year, and the preceding generation has transitioned fully into the used car marketplace.

Last-generation GTI models were available in three- or five-door models from 2007 to 2009. This generation offer shoppers much of the same flexibility, performance and refinement as the 2010 model — but at a lower used-car price.

All last-gen GTI models

were powered by a two-liter four-cylinder engine with direct injection and an intercooled turbocharger. Output was rated at 200 horsepower, and transmission options included a six-speed manual or a six-speed dual-clutch Direct Shift Gearbox or DSG. The DSG transmission functions as an automatic, but can also execute perfectly rev-matched and lightning-fast shifts via shift paddles mounted to the steering wheel.

Look for options like a sunroof, heated leather, xenon lighting, 18-inch wheels, heated mirrors and a 10-speaker stereo system.

## Second Gear

**WHAT OWNERS LIKE:** The GTI's performance was the big draw for most owners, though utility, fuel mileage and overall quality and refinement of the vehicle were commonly praised, too.

**WHAT OWNERS HATE:** Some owners wish for a more



2007-09 Volkswagen GTIs pack both fun and dependability in one impressive hatchback.

comfortable ride, especially with the 18-inch wheels and low-profile tires mounted.

**COMMON ISSUES:** Thankfully, the last-generation GTI's engine seems to be largely free of the issues that plagued the 1.8 litre turbo engine in the genera-

tion before it. A few checks are still advised, though.

Watch for smoke from the tailpipe with the engine running and driving. Smoke could indicate a problem with the turbocharger or cylinder head.

Where possible, and especially on higher-mileage units, remove the plumb-

ing that connects the turbocharger to the intercooler and inspect for oil buildup inside. A thin film of oil is typically normal, though any pooling or heavy buildup could indicate worn out turbo seals.

A blocked PCV valve or worn-out diverter valve could cause weak or incon-

sistent performance. These are easy parts to fix, but be sure to have your potential used GTI candidate inspected by a VW mechanic if you're not comfortable with how it's running.

Numerous owners have had to reprogram or replace the computer that controls the advanced DSG transmission. This relatively un-proven driveline component could be expensive to replace out of warranty — so if in doubt, just opt for the six-speed stick. Note that some delay between throttle application and forward motion is normal with the DSG transmission, but harsh shifting or 'surging' are not.

Finally, inspect all electric and electronic features for proper operation, and call the condition of any excessively worn-out tires or brakes into pricing negotiations.

**THE VERDICT:** A used last-generation VW GTI with a thumbs up from a mechanic should prove to be an exciting and dependable ride for years.

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2011 Sierra Denali HD.

## GMC packs more power in Denali

**NEW MODEL** GMC has announced the new 2011 Sierra Denali HD, the first offering of the exclusive Denali line on a heavy-duty GMC pickup.

The Sierra Denali HD leads a comprehensively redesigned lineup of 2011 Sierra 2500HD and 3500HD trucks that go on sale in early summer including the most powerful diesel engine in the segment.

Sierra HD's new 6.6-litre Duramax turbo diesel delivers 397 hp at 3,000 rpm and 765 lb/ft of torque at 1,600 rpm.

The iconic Denali four-bar, chrome grille with round air inlets distinguishes the Sierra Denali HD on the outside, along with body-color bumpers, chrome door handles, chrome accents and 18- and 20-inch polished forged aluminum wheels.

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# Workology

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## Inspiring female engineers

### Engineering the Future

During the month of March, Metro Workology focused on the engineering field and what it means to the aspiring engineer and the world as a whole. We hope you enjoyed it and thanks for reading.

JON TATTIE  
for Metro Canada

Everybody knows Bob can build it, but what about Barbie? For career number 125, the iconic doll has mastered the geek-chic look and become Computer Engineer Barbie, according to Mattel.com.

The doll comes with a



Computer Engineer Barbie, right, standing along side News Anchor Barbie, is the 125th version of the iconic doll. Only 10 per cent of the engineering workforce is female.

cellphone headset, laptop bag and pink laptop and was the first professional Barbie chosen by popular vote. So how do real-life women engineers feel about engineer Barbie?

Elizabeth Croft, associate

head of engineering at the University of British Columbia, says Barbie is a good ambassador for women engineers.

"I don't see the downside to this. Barbie's been a doctor and a lawyer. It's only

natural that she should also be an engineer," Croft says.

Croft noted only about 10 per cent of the engineering workforce is female and about 18 per cent of engineering students are female. She had no female engineering role models when she started in the profession. She says it's a cultural issue, with people unconsciously thinking of engineering as a man's job. That changed with doctors and she says it's time for engineering to catch up. Perhaps Barbie can help engineer social change.

"I don't have any issues with Barbie. Barbie's come a long way," she says, noting she was a Lego girl herself.

In Halifax, Corinne MacDonald, assistant engineering professor at Dalhousie University, laughs when she sees the image of Computer Engineer Barbie.

"Actually, I like it. She's not even wearing heels," she says.

Like Croft, MacDonald didn't have any female engineering role models.

"That's probably one of the biggest problems we have in engineering. It's catch-22: There aren't a lot of women in engineering and to attract more women to engineering, we need more women in engineering," she says. "I think any opportunity we have to put that thought in girls' heads is a good thing."

For more of the Engineering the Future exclusive series check Workology every Wednesday or stop by: [metronews.ca/work](http://metronews.ca/work)

## SFU opens up

In recent months, Simon Fraser University has been building its support of open-access publishing of scholarly articles. In January, the university's senate library committee endorsed an open-access strategy for the institution's library. Last month, SFU established an open-access fund to support university researchers who publish articles in open-access journals. Metro news services

## A thin line between contactor/employee

### WorkplaceLaw

Daniel  
Lublin

[Metronews.ca/workplacelaw](http://Metronews.ca/workplacelaw)

It's workplace law's newest phenomenon: Employers, happy to unburden themselves from the various costs and liabilities associated with their employees, increasingly retaining "contractors" to perform the same services their employees did before. Often their former employees are transformed into contractors and these "contractors", content to pay less taxes than they did when employees, are not about to complain. However, this arrangement is often a fraud.

When these arrangements are challenged, sometimes many years later, courts are apt to find that the contractors were truly employees. No surprise there. The arrangement represented little else than a "label." Seldom will a label be sufficient. What really matters is how the parties behave.

When will a court find that a contractor is actually an employee?

Despite signing an independent contractor agreement and incorporating his own company, the Ontario Court of Appeal concluded that Gordon Braiden was

an employee. Braiden, a sales agent, worked full time and exclusively for La-Z-Boy, which controlled which products he sold, how he sold them, where his sales territory was and what promotional methods to use. It did not matter that Braiden had incorporated his own company, according to the court.

Just recently, the Court of Appeal also found that real estate agent Elizabeth McKee was an employee even though she had signed a contract, had her own incorporated business and invoiced her principal for commissions. Without her principal's involvement, McKee hired, trained, and managed her own sub-agents who worked for her in selling her employer's homes.

Following a fallout which cost her job, McKee sued arguing that she was employee. The fact that McKee operated a business within her work for the company did not mean she was a contractor, nor did the fact that she hired and supervised her own staff. Since she worked for 18 consecutive years exclusively for her employer and had become an integral part of its business, the court declined to uphold the contract and characterized her as an employee. She was then awarded nearly half a million dollars in severance.

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# Travel

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Take in the opera at La Scala for a taste of the true Italian culture.

## Soak in Milan's style

Find the quirky corners of this artisan culture

ROMINA MCGUINNESS  
Metro World News

It has a delightful aura of decadence and glamour.

Metro found the places to stay and play in Milan.

### WHERE TO WAKE UP

**Maison Moschino**  
(hotelfilosophy.com)

Slightly surreal converted 18th century railway station with enchanting themed rooms — the "Alice" is a wonderland with a giant teacup table; the "Petal" — whose bed appears to be permanently scattered in red petals or the "Evening Wear" uses a giant ballgown theme.

### SPEND THE MORNING

**Naviglio**

Naviglio, a neighborhood framed by two canals (Leonardo da Vinci was behind some of the building plans) was a commercial hub until the mid 20th century but is now a quirky place full of artists and craftspeople. Try and catch the monthly flea market.

### WHERE TO LUNCH

**Luini**  
(luini.it)



Spend the afternoon shopping in Milan's extravagance.

Tucked on a side street off Piazza Duomo, Luini is the ultimate pastry-pizza paradise.

Try the tomato and mozzarella panzerotto — a Puglian delicacy that is neither a pizza nor a pastry but a fiercely guarded family recipe — and eat piping hot at the counter or outside on a bench.

### SPEND THE AFTERNOON

**Shopping**

(armani.com)

You can't spend time in Milan without doing what

is expected of every Milanese person — shopping in extravagance and most importantly, style. At Giorgio Armani's, 31 Via Manzoni, everything from clothes to candy is stamped with the iconic designer label.

### DINNER CHOICE

**La Torre di Pisa**  
(trattoriatorredipisa.it)

A gem tucked in the quiet quarter that is Brera. Wander quiet cobbled streets to this traditional trattoria serving home-

made ravioli, rissoles, creamy polenta and spicy spaghetti a la putanesca.

### ENTERTAINMENT

**Opera at La Scala**  
(teatroallascala.org)

Have a "Pretty Woman" moment and book some seats at La Scala.

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Ray's caters to street riders, mountain bikers and dirt jumpers.

# Bringing the mountain indoors

Cleveland quickly becoming a Mecca for extreme biker riders

SUSAN GREENWOOD  
Metro World News

**Cleveland: Steel, flats as far as the eye can see, great piles of factories, smoke curling into the sky, rivers cleaving their way through the mud.**

Not a lot to commend it to the uninitiated.

To the seasoned mountain biker however Cleveland is Mecca.

For here, in the industrial heartland of the Mid West is Ray's Mountain Bike Park — the world's biggest — 100,000 square feet of ramps, routes, drop offs and jumps.

A bike heaven built from an old parachute warehouse and a refuge in the winter months when riding outside is only for the insane.

Skate and BMX parks are pretty well established across Europe and the United States. But Ray's is the first location to cater to all types of mountain bikers. Here, Lycra-clad cross-country folk share space



Ray's is the world's largest indoor mountain bike park with over 100,000 square feet of fun.

with dirt jumpers and the facilities are built to test — and help you improve — your skills. There are technical rocky sections, places to practise your balance and a pit filled with foam for those keen to nail backflips without landing on wood or concrete.

Rock music blares out from the sound system and

bike videos play on a loop on the big flat screen TV.

The routes, which are mainly made of wood, were born back in 2004 with an 'if you build it, they will come' mentality and it's thrived ever since.

Bikers travel from all over the world to ride at Ray's because there's nothing else like it.

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**Lost star Kim gets hitched**

She may be "lost" for a few more episodes but Yunjin Kim has found the man of her dreams. The South Korean actress who plays Sun Kwon on ABC's hit *Lost*, married her boyfriend, Jeong Hyeok Park, in Hawaii on Sunday. **PEOPLE.COM**

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# Entertainment

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**Back to books**

James Franco may be hitting the books ... again. The actor, 31, has been accepted to Yale University's English Ph.D program, the Yale Herald reports, adding that he will begin in September.

## Cyrus shines in serious actress role

### Last Song is a predictable romance

**The Last Song****Director:** Julie Anne Robinson**Stars:** Miley Cyrus, Liam Hemsworth, Kelly Preston, Greg Kinnear**Classification:** PG**Rating:** Ⓜ

**ANNE BRODIE**  
for Metro Canada



**So Miley Cyrus is dating her co-star in *The Last Song*, Liam Hemsworth, a handsome tanned and blond Australian actor.**

Now that's out of the way, there's bigger news for Cyrus' fans in this moody movie written by Nicholas Sparks.

Cyrus doesn't sing but plays classical piano; instead of spreading her charm far and wide, she mopes and rebels and fails to thrive. She's irritable, depressed, dressed in teenaged angst black and just wants to be alone. You almost expect her to pull out a cigarette. Hannah Montana, the squeaky clean TV and movie supernova that made the Cyrus family famous and wealthy, is gone. At 17, Cyrus is attempting a brand relaunch as a serious actress.

She plays Ronnie, who's traumatised by the divorce of her parents and struggling to get her bearings in a world she no longer trusts. Rebellion boils over when she's sent to spend the summer with her estranged father (Greg Kinnear) at his beach house. She refuses to speak to him and takes off at the slightest whiff of parental concern. But the beach volleyball kids write her off as emo, and the tough kids try to lure her into drugs and violence. An alpha guy from the volleyball brigade named Will seems to like her without judging her, but Ronnie resists him because she's haunted by the fragility and heartbreak of love she witnessed in her parents' breakup.

But Ronnie and Will get to know each other on the beach, a sensual and romantic setting where sunrises, lapping waves and minimal clothing lead to longing stares and an occa-

**Screentimes****HALIFAX**

• Bayers Lake: Wed-Thu 1-3:50-7:15-10

• Park Lane: Wed 3:50-7:20 Thu 3:50-7:20-11:45

**DARTMOUTH**

• Dartmouth Crossing: Wed 1:40-4:15-6:55-9:35 Thu 1:40-4:15-6:55-9:50

**TRURO**

• Truro: Wed-Thu 6:30-8:40

**BRIDGEWATER**

• Bridgewater: Wed-Thu 6:20-8:50

**LOWER SACKVILLE**

• Lower Sackville: Wed-Thu 6:50-9:20

sional kiss. They bond over the plight of the sea turtle. But their romantic, sexless idyll is soon broken by tragedy. After all, this is a Nicholas Sparks story; chastity and misfortune make for plenty of bitter-sweet tears and repeat business.

Cyrus is interesting; she has unconventional looks, a voice like a trucker, atrocious posture, and frequent public lapses of good taste in evening wear. But she is magnetic and appealing with considerable screen presence. She is a star because of her winning persona, not the singing, or the dancing. She does her best

to further herself as a dramatic actress and hopefully, she'll continue to find roles that will challenge her, and her fans.

The film's technical and artistic elements are easily digestible, the story relatively engaging and Sparks continues his sappy but winning ways. *A Walk to Remember*, *Nights in Rodanthe*, *Dear John*, the almighty *The Notebook* and *The Last Song* shape a new kind of contempo romance, driven by female performances for young female audiences. In Cyrus' case, it's a good start to the journey of growing up that her fans will share.



Miley Cyrus leaves her cheery *Hannah Montana* persona behind in her latest role as an irritable, depressed teenager in *The Last Song*. It shows a good start in proving herself a dramatic actress.

### "A BEAUTIFUL, TOUCHING FILM."

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MILEY CYRUS LIAM HEMSWORTH AND GREG KINNEAR

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This is hardly dynamite news for Comedy Central: Jon Heder (Napoleon Dynamite) has abruptly dropped out of the Will Ferrell-produced sitcom he was set to star in for the cable net. **EW.COM**

# Remakes go back to the future, again



Jaden Smith, left, and Jackie Chan star in a new version of The Karate Kid.

**Clash of the Titans** writers Phil Hay and Matt Manfredi are understandably excited about their movie arriving in theatres Friday. But if you really want to get them going, mention the **Red Dawn** remake coming later this year.

"I love that movie," Hay says of the 1984 Cold War adventure flick, where Colorado high school students use guerrilla warfare to stave off a Soviet invasion of America. "Everyone from my generation loves *Red Dawn*. It's really ripe for a remake."

These days, it seems any movie that came out during the 1980s is ripe for a remake. *Clash of the Titans* and *Red Dawn* are but two

of a significant number of '80s-related films Hollywood will bring to theatres in coming months.

Joining their ranks are Disney's mega-budget *Tron* sequel starring Jeff Bridges; reboots of *The Karate Kid*, *Predator* and *Nightmare on Elm Street* franchises; a follow-up to *Oliver Stone's Wall Street* and the Sylvester Stallone-directed *The Expendables*; an '80s-style, men-on-a-mission movie teaming Stallone with other action stars of his vintage.

"It's crazy, man," Bridges says. "You almost want to look around and make sure people still have their cell phones and laptops. It's like going back in time."

You mean, like stepping into a Hot Tub Time Machine? The nostalgia-infused gross-out comedy *Time Machine*, which opened last weekend, uses the '80s as a punch line, taking its heroes back to a decade heavy on the legwarmers, mullets and primary colours.

Chalk it up to the fact that the people who grew up watching *Freddy Krueger* and *Mr. Miyagi* are now in a position to greenlight the movies they loved as children. "Certainly, there's a fondness for that culture for those who came of age with it, and now we want to share it," says Columbia Pictures president Doug Belgrad.

In addition to *The Karate Kid*, Belgrad, 44, and Co-

lumbia co-president Matt Tolmach, 45, are developing sequels and reboots to such 1980s properties as *Ghostbusters*, *21 Jump Street* and *The Smurfs*. 20th Century Fox will release a feature film based on the '80s action-adventure TV series *The A-Team* this summer.

"Grown-ups are always looking for movies they could share with their kids," Belgrad adds.

With *The Karate Kid*, he

**"There's a fondness for that culture for those who came of age with it."**

Doug Belgrad, Columbia Pictures

notes, Will Smith took that idea a step further, suggesting remaking one of his favorite childhood movies with his 11-year-old son, Jaden, starring. The new *Karate Kid*, due in June, shifts the action to Beijing, attempting to add a dash of culture clash to the familiar story.

Clash writer Manfredi says that what made the original so special — and what he hopes the remake maintains — is a good-hearted sense of adventure.

"You don't find that spark as much in movies these days. That's what we're hoping to bring back."

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## Easter Service Listings



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**Friday April 2nd**  
• 8:45 am Prayer Walk  
• 10 am Good Friday service  
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**Sunday April 4th**  
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Wednesday, March 31st - 7:00pm

**Holy Thursday:**  
Thursday, April 1st - 7:00pm  
(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10:00 pm)

**Good Friday:**  
Friday, April 2nd - 3:00pm

**Easter Vigil:**  
Saturday, April 3rd - 8:00pm

**Easter Sunday:**  
Sunday, April 4th - 7:30 am, 10:30 am & 5:00 pm

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**Maundy Thursday**  
7:30pm Foot Washing, Choral Holy Communion and Stripping of the Altar,  
Followed by an All-Night Vigil in the Church  
Music by Durufle, Tallis and Sheppard

**Friday, April 2 Good Friday**  
12pm The Good Friday Service  
Preacher: Dr. David Deane, Prof. of Systematic and Historical Theology at AST will be preaching seven short homilies  
Music by Byrd, Purcell, Poulenc and others

**Sunday, April 4 Easter Day**  
8am Holy Communion (said)  
10:30am Choral Holy Communion with the St. George's Brass Ensemble  
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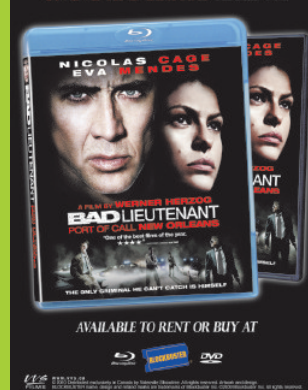
**Good Friday, April 2 - 10:30am**  
Ecumenical Service at Presbyterian Church of St. David  
Music by Combined Choir

**Easter Sunday, April 4 - 10:30am**  
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# No Idol downtime

Latest castoff reflects on hectic schedule

**The latest American Idol castoff says downtime doesn't exist when you're on the show.**

"There are no days off," says 24-year-old Paige Miles.

After tonight's elimination show, there will be little time for sad goodbyes and reflection.

The contestants are required to have decided what song they'll sing for the following week by Thursday mornings. On Friday, they usually record the song for iTunes, and Saturdays are shoots with mentors, such as this week's guest, Usher.

On Sundays, they film music videos. Monday is filled with more recording and rehearsing.

The contestants also try to fit in shopping for that week's shows, as well as interviews with hometown media.

Miles says the jam-packed schedule can affect the contestant's song choice.

"We think about (that)



American Idol's latest castoff Paige Miles.

while selecting songs," she said. "What can you truly push out everyday in re-

**"We think about (that) ... What can you truly push out everyday in rehearsal? What can you really commit to over the next several days?"**

Paige Miles, American Idol castoff

hearsal? What can you really commit to over the next several days?"

Last week, she was sent home after singing a version of Against All Odds that Randy Jackson described as "terrible" and Kara DioGuardi said it was possibly the worst vocal of the season.

The 10 contestants now remaining on American Idol will take part in the annual summer tour after the season ends.

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For March 30<sup>th</sup>

Taio Cruz Ft Ludacris - Break Your Heart

Ke\$ha - Blah Blah Blah

Down With Webster - Your Man

Ricky J - Whatta Night

Timbaland Ft Katy Perry - If We Ever Meet Again

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Sean Kingston Ft Justin Bieber - Eenie Meenie

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## Celebrity Buzz

# Courting Courtney

**HE'S A BRAVE BRAVE MAN AND OBVIOUSLY HAS A THING FOR WASHED-UP BLONDES** Courtney Love is dating Uma Thurman's ex-fiancé, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The Hole singer — widow of Nirvana frontman Kurt Cobain — began romancing hotelier André Balazs earlier this year and is completely smitten with the handsome businessman and insists the feeling is mutual.

She wrote in an email to a friend: "I'm in lurve (sic). It's nice. Scary. I'm a great catch and he can be a bad boy but he loves me."

"He is the sweetest thing and he actually totally does respect me. His manners are impeccable but he is funny too."



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(sic)."

Love — who has repeatedly claimed to have been defrauded of her wealth by various people — has been staying in a suite at the Mercer Hotel in New York, which her new beau owns, but now says she is spoilt by choices over places where she can stay.

"He has properties everywhere and has given me the key to his apartment, but what is better than living in his hotel?" she said.

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# Puff, puff, pass the pretty pumps

**THAT'S HOW THE REFRAIN GOES, RIGHT?** Lindsay Lohan has chosen an interesting way of addressing the cloud of suspicion she's been under since being snapped with white powder pumping out of her high-heels: Attack George Lopez, popeater.com reports.

The Mean Girls star took to her Twitter (what else?) to take on the comedian over a supposed joke he made on the Monday episode of his late-night talk show, George Lopez Tonight.

According to reports, Lopez joked Lohan uses baby powder to loosen up her snug shoes.

This seemingly harmless riff set off Lohan, who wrote: "Thanks for

the childish comment regarding baby powder in my shoes to loosen up the leather ... don't you have kids?"

She then added, "Act like a grown man, have some respect and dignity for yourself."

Lopez did not make the jab during his monologue, nor in any clips made available by TBS for Monday.

Lohan was leaving a friend's house in Los Angeles on Saturday when a generous amount of white powder started shooting out of her shoes.

In some angles, it appeared

there was smoke puffing out of her feet.

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# Not completely honest

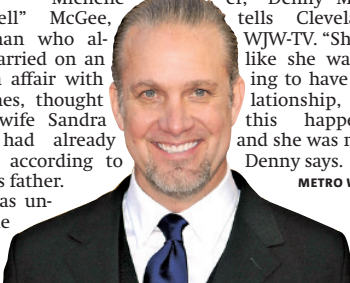
**HE LIED TO "BOMBSHELL" TOO. SHOCKER!**

Michelle "Bombshell" McGee, the woman who allegedly carried on an 11-month affair with Jesse James, thought he and wife Sandra Bullock had already split up, according to Michelle's father.

"She was under the impression they

weren't seeing each other," Denny McGee tells Cleveland's WJW-TV. "She felt like she was going to have a relationship, and this happened, and she was mad," Denny says.

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# Carrie would know

**JEEZ, SARAH, WHY CAN'T YOU BE MORE LIKE THE FICTIONAL CHARACTER YOU PLAY?** Sarah Jessica Parker is no good at giving relationship advice, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The Sex and the City star — who has three children with her husband of 12 years, Matthew Broderick — isn't an expert when it comes to romance, but thinks it's important for someone to have complete faith in their partner.

"Oh, I am not a good advice giver but I would say the obvious — lack of communication is where

things go wrong for people," she said.

"I'm certainly no expert in relationships, God knows, but you need to be with someone who believes in you 100 per cent. If you don't have that, there's no point."

The 45-year-old actress wants to be happily married for the rest of her life, and has admitted she wants to continue kissing her co-stars and husband until she is 70 or 80 years old.

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# The best couple they can be

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**THREW UP A LITTLE BIT** Heidi Montag and Spencer Pratt want the world to know that they're not splitting up, despite rumours that Montag was moving out of their Pacific Palisades home, according to People magazine.

"I'm not moving out," Montag says. "I love Spencer with all my heart."

The reality star admits that she and her husband have had some ups and downs lately, though, even discussing divorce at one point.

"I was being dramatic," she says. "We've worked through things and will continue to work on our relationship so we're the best couple we can be."

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**ELIZABETH BANKS** is looking to celebrate, **GOLDIE HAWN** is enjoying the view, and **CONAN O'BRIEN** is learning about different religions.

@ElizabethBanks RNC partied at Voyeur? That's where we had my bday party. I wanna party with the RNC & fret about Armageddon!

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@ConanOBrien

Jewish fun fact: If you celebrate Passover on top of an overpass, you go back in time.

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# Not taking the kids

**OH BUDDY, YOU REALLY MESSED THIS ONE UP** Reports that Sandra Bullock was going to go ahead with plans to adopt Jesse James' children despite their marital troubles are apparently false.

"There are no plans, nor have there ever been any plans, for Sandra Bullock to adopt any of Jesse James' children," her rep tells People magazine. Meanwhile, a source insists Bullock is going ahead with the divorce proceedings because the last month has left her feeling humiliated, sources tell Radar Online.

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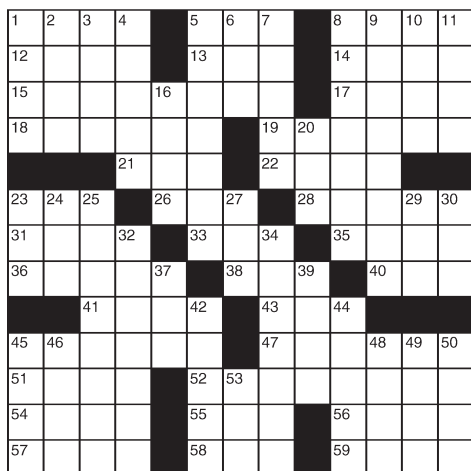
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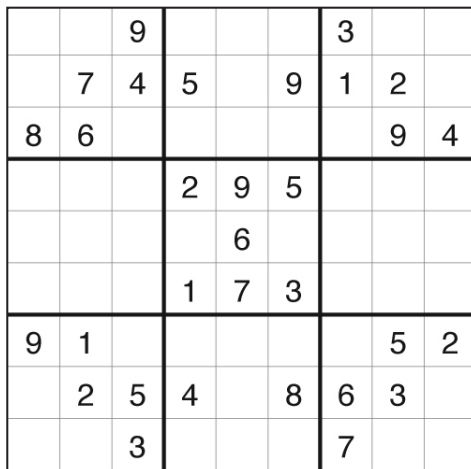
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## Sudoku

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**HOW TO PLAY:** Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone — one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.



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## Metro Recipe of the Day



### Indian Spicy Potatoes with Spinach and Lentils

#### INGREDIENTS:

- 750 g potatoes, peeled and cubed
- 250 g spinach
- 3 1/2 tbsp peanut oil
- 1 onion, finely sliced
- 2-in. piece fresh ginger, peeled and finely chopped
- 1 green chili pepper, halved, seeded and finely sliced
- 1 tsp ground coriander
- 1/4 tsp ground turmeric
- 2 x 250-g packages cooked green lentils
- 2 garlic cloves, cut into fine shreds
- 1/2 tsp cumin seeds
- 2 tbsp chopped cilantro

#### METHOD:

1. Cook potatoes until just tender. Drain.
2. Meanwhile, cook spinach in steamer over potatoes 3-4 minutes, or pierce bag of spinach several times and cook in microwave 2-3 minutes to wilt. Tip into colander and

drain, squeezing out liquid with spoon.

3. Heat large pan with 3 tsp oil. Add onion and cook over medium heat 2 minutes, then stir in ginger, chili pepper, coriander and turmeric. Cook a few seconds, then add potato cubes and stir-fry 3-4 minutes. Stir spinach into spicy potato mixture together with lentils. Season to taste. Heat gently until piping hot.

4. Heat remaining oil in small pan. Add garlic and cumin; cook until lightly browned. Stir in half of cilantro. Tip potato and lentil mixture into serving dish and sprinkle with garlic and cumin mixture and remaining cilantro.

#### SERVES 4

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**ARIES**  
MARCH 21-APRIL 20  
You need to bring balance and stability to your financial situation. Give it some thought.

**TAURUS**  
APRIL 21-MAY 21  
If a situation calls for tact today you will use it and get whatever it is that you desire.

**LIBRA**  
SEPT 23-OCT 23  
Practice what you preach today or leave yourself open to criticism. Resist the urge to cut corners and don't try to get something for nothing.

**SCORPIO**  
OCT 24-NOV 22  
Relationships of all kinds are about to enter a gentler, more tranquil phase. But don't let others think you've turned into an easy touch.

**GEMINI**  
MAY 22-JUNE 21  
Cosmic activity in the most sensitive area of your chart suggests there is something you would rather the world did not find out about you.

**SAGITTARIUS**  
NOV 23-DEC 21  
Make sure that what you have to do gets done properly. Don't cut corners or your reputation will suffer in the long-term.

**CANCER**  
JUNE 22-JULY 22  
You can quite easily persuade other people to see things your way but make sure your way is the right way if you want to stay popular.

**CAPRICORN**  
DEC 22-JAN 20  
Why make life more complicated than it needs to be? What is meant to happen will happen at the right time.

**LEO**  
JULY 23-AUG 23  
How important is ambition to you? Today's transit of Venus over the midheaven angle of your chart urges you to remember that it isn't everything.

**AQUARIUS**  
JAN 21-FEB 18  
Make an effort to please other people today. Not everyone may deserve it but it will do your reputation a great deal of good.

**VIRGO**  
AUG 24-SEPT 22  
The less you reveal about your comings and goings today the more others will be intrigued.

**PISCES**  
FEB 19-MARCH 20  
You can get away with almost anything today, but that is not an excuse to break the rules.

## This day in history

- 1889 — The Eiffel Tower is inaugurated.
- 1912 — Construction is completed on the RMS Titanic.
- 1918 — Daylight saving time goes into effect in the United States for the first time.
- 1949 — The Dominion of Newfoundland joins the Canadian Confederation and becomes the 10th Province of Canada.
- 1985 — The first WrestleMania, the biggest wrestling event from the WWE, takes place in Madison Square Garden in New York.
- 2007 — In Sydney, Australia, 2.2 million people take part in the first Earth Hour.

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